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MEMORANDUM FOR : SA/PE/DCI
SUBJECT : Flight Restrictions on DRAGON LADY Aircraft
REFERENCE : DOD Message MCKH 2385, 22 July 1953, copy attached.

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1. Subject message indicates results to date of investigations being conducted at [REDACTED] as a result of recent accidents to subject aircraft. You will note that the report recommends that the aircraft should be restricted from training flights until completion of tests.

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2. I have been contacted by Messrs. Redding, O'Connell and Hall of Dayton with allegations made of certain reluctance on the part of LAC to instrument a test aircraft at [REDACTED] to measure stick forces and G.O. I in turn talked to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of LAC who denied this categorically. I later talked to L/C Brewer who stated the ARDC types were a bit premature in their demands for immediate special instrumentation and that he was satisfied that [REDACTED] was proceeding as expeditiously as possible under the circumstances. (Both Kelly and [REDACTED] have been on vacation.) [REDACTED] are working out a step-by-step plan for necessary investigations.

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3. The attached message was sent to Col. Art Smith for review and comment and was discussed with him. Also Capt. Tremblay has read the message and discussed with Redding and O'Connell by phone the items pertaining to his field of interest (O₂, helmet, etc.).

4. L/C Brewer plans to be in Washington the week of 1 August and you may desire to discuss this entire matter with him. Please advise whether there is any other information you wish on this.

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